

All efforts are being made to ensure speedy finalisation of these cases. Officers are detailed regularly for getting the cases expedited from CCDA (Pension), Allahabad. Claimants are also advised for complying with audit requirements. As soon as the requisite documents/information are made available by the individual/organisation concerned, the cases are decided immediately.

Association of Indian Universities

714. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Association of Indian Universities is an autonomous organisation under his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the legislation under which it is registered;

(d) whether the Recruitment and Service Conditions Rules applicable to Central Government employees are also applicable to AIU employees;

(e) if so, the extent thereof;

(f) the number of posts reserved for SCs/STs in AIU;

(g) the number of reserved posts lying vacant in AIU; and

(h) the time by which these are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA):
(a) to (h) The Association of Indian Universities is a body

registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The Bye-laws of the Society govern the conditions of service of its employees. In regard to Reservation for SC/ST categories in the matter of Reservation in appointments, the organisation has taken a stand that it being a 'voluntary body' is not required to provide for such Reservations and that while inviting applications for appointments it is mentioned that applicants belonging to these categories will receive preference.

Government is examining the correctness of the stand of the organisation in consultation with appropriate agencies.

Irrigation Projects in Orissa

715. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the irrigation projects funded by the external agencies in Orissa to complete them in prescribed time;

(b) the names of new projects included for external funding in recent years; and

(c) the steps taken by the State Government for their timely completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) and (b) A Statement is attached.

(c) The irrigation projects are planned, funded and executed by the State Government(s). Necessary steps are taken by the State Government for timely completion of these projects in consultation with agencies extending financial and technical support. They undertaken review mission from time-to-time to assess and accelerate the implementation process at State level.

Statement

(Amount in Million Donor Currency)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Assisting Agency	Date of Agreement	Amount of Assistance
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project	The World Bank	19.12.1995	US \$ 290.9 M
2.	Dam Safety Assurance & Rehabilitation Project (Central, Multi-State including Orissa)	The World Bank	10.6.1991	US \$ 148.88 M

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Hydrology Project (Central, Multi- State including Orissa)	The World Bank	9.6.1995	US \$ 142.00 M
4.	Upper Indravati Irrigation Project	OECD, Japan	15.12.1988	Yen 3744 M
5.	Upper Kolab Irrigation Project	OECD, Japan	15.12.1988	Yen 3769 M
6.	Lift Irrigation Project	Kwf, Germany	19.12.1993	DM 55.00 M
7.	Exploitation of Ground Water Project (Trench-II)	Australia	31.7.1992	US \$ 13.08 M
8.	Minor Irrigation Project	EEC	11.7.1995	ECU 11.02 M

US\$ — US Dollars equivalent to Rs. 35.70

DM — Dutch Mark equivalent to Rs. 19.66

YEN — Japan (100 Yen = Rs. 30)

ECU — European Currency Unit equivalent to Rs. 44.61

Employees under Civil General Transport

716. SHRI R.B. RAI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees serving under the Civil General Transport, are deployed in strategic areas and assigned sensitive jobs several times; and

(b) if so, the reasons for assigning such jobs to personnels without proper military training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) Civil General Transport employees are neither deployed in strategic areas nor assigned sensitive jobs. They are deployed only to drive vehicles upto base depot/ installations in the rear administrative areas. However, during occasional exigencies of service, if deployed for driving in the operational areas, due armed protection/ escorts are provided by the formation Commander concerned. Therefore, military training for them has not been considered necessary.

Mining Activities near Bhadravati Ordnance Factory

717. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether the Union Government have allotted vast area of land in Chandrapur District, Vidarbha in Maharashtra to private Ispat Group Company for mining activities near the Bhadravati Ordnance Factory;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has objected the allotment of land in favour of Ispat Group near the Ordnance Factory;

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the further reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (d) The Union Government have not allotted any land in Chandrapur District, Maharashtra to any private company for mining of coal near the Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur. The Ordnance Factory Board has, however, represented against any mining operations adjacent to Ordnance Factory, Chandrapur to the Government of Maharashtra.

Sardar Sarovar Project

718. SHRI VIJAY PATEL :
SHRI KASHI RAM RANA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state: